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the Parliament. Here I am following certain established principles and practices. In May's Parliamentary Practice under the heading 'Inadmissible Amendments' it is stated—

"An amendment to leave out a clause is not in order, as the proper course is to vote against the clause standing part of the bill..."

Then in the Lok Sabha on the 10th February 1960 when the Government Member wanted to withdraw a Clause, the Deputy Speaker then in the Chair said that he would put it to the vote of the House and then it could be negatived. Similarly on 11th February 1960 when the Deputy Minister for Rehabilitation, Shri Naskar wanted to withdraw a Clause, the Deputy Speaker then in the Chair said that that should have to be done by putting it to vote and the House rejecting it. Perhaps after these instances, the Lok Sabha have adopted the following priciple which I shall read now.

"If the member in charge of a Bill desires to omit a clause from the Bill, the normal procedure is to put the clause to the vote of the House and have it negatived, as an amendment to omit the clause is not in order, being negative in character. It is not also permissible to move for withdrawal of a clause, as, once a Bill is introduced, the Bill as a whole is before the House."

It is only in accordance with this principle that I have given the ruling that once a Bill is introduced, the Minister in charge of the Bill cannot withdraw a clause but that it must be put to vote and negatived. I think I am not casting any reflection on the Parliamentary experience of the Hon. Minister but I am only following the rules and regulations in practice. So, I maintain that what I have stated before is correct even now. But I am glad that he has raised this point for clarification because hon. Members, particularly lawyer-Members of this House should not be under the impression that if an hon. Member who has moved an amendment is entitled to withdraw it, the Hon. Minister is also entitled to withdraw a clause. He cannot withdraw it and it must be put to vote and then negatived. We in India will follow the rulings of the Lok Sabha.

The House will now adjourn and meet again at 8-30 a.m. on Monday, the 22nd August 1960." 12-03 p.m.

The House then adjourned.

VII. PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

A—Statutory Rules and Orders.

113. *Notification issued with G.O. Ms. No.* 3224, *Industries, Labour and Co-operation (Labour), dated* 30*th June* 1960, *exempting beedi industrial premises in certain districts from licensing provision under the Madras Beedi Industrial Premises*

(Regulation of Conditions of Work) Act, 1958. [*Laid on the Table of the House under section* 41 (3) *of the Madras Beedi Industrial Premises* (*Regulation of Conditions of Work*) *Act*, 1958 (*Madras Act XXXII of* 1958).]

114. *Notification issued with G.O. No.* 1982, *Revenue, dated 22nd April* 1960, *exempting the sales of vegetable seeds, fruit plants, flower seeds and flower plants from the tax payable under Madras General Sales Tax Act*, 1959. [*Laid on the Table of the House under section* 53 (5) *of the Madras General Sales Tax Act*, 1959 (*Madras Act I of* 1959).]

115. *Notification issued with G.O. No.* 1963, *Revenue, dated 21st April* 1960, *exempting the sales of products of country oil chekkus and hand oil presses from the tax payable under the Madras General Sales Tax Act*, 1959. [*Laid on the Table of the House under Section* 53 (5) *of the Madras General Sales Tax Act*, 1959 (*Madras Act I of* 1959).]

116. *Notification issued with G.O. Ms. No.* 2506, *Revenue, dated 7th June* 1960, *under the Madras Entertainments Tax Act*, 1939. [*Laid on the Table of the House under Section* 16 (4) *of the Madras Entertainments Tax Act*, 1939 (*Madras Act X of* 1939).]

117. *Notification issued with G.O. No.* 1764, *Revenue, dated 5th April* 1960, *exempting the sales of vegetables, fresh fruits, betel and plantain leaves, flowers, eggs, meat and fish (other than canned meat and fish) and the purchases of potatoes from the tax payable under the Madras General Sales Tax Act*, 1939. [*Laid on the Table of the House under Section* 53 (5) *of the Madras General Sales Tax Act*, 1939 (*Madras Act X of* 1939).]

118. *Notification issued with G.O. Ms. No.* 1933, *Home, dated 1st July* 1960, *exempting from the tax leviable under the Madras Motor Vehicles Taxation Act*, 1931, *the motor vehicle bearing registration number DLF* 2581, *for the use of Sri Toh Chor Keat, Assistant Commissioner for the Federation of Malaya in India* [*Laid on the Table of the House under Section* 11 (2) *of the Madras Motor Vehicles Taxation Act*, 1931 (*Madras Act III of* 1931).]

B—Reports, Notifications and other papers.

* 52. *Assurance No.* 930—*Answer to Legislative Assembly Starred Question No.* 737, *asked by Sri A. A. Rasheed.*

* 53. *Assurance No.* 962—*Answer to Legislative Assembly Starred Question No.* 823 *asked by Sri M. P. Sarathi.*

54. *Statement placed on the Table giving full details regarding the* 15*th and* 16*th Sessions of the Indian Labour Conference, with reference to the answer given to question No.* 681 *by Sri V. K. Kothandaraman*, M.L.A., *answered on the* 16*th April* 1960.

* Placed on the table of the House on 19th August 1960, and printed as Appendices IV and V on pages 293–296 infra.